

SAYS FILM STAR PLOTTED MURDER

Fields in Further Statement Links Actress in Taylor Mystery.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 24.—A motion picture actress who ranks high in the profession was one of the four persons who plotted the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, according to the story of Harry M. Fields, under arrest here, Sheriff Irving J. Coffin, of Wayne county, announced late today. The sheriff withheld the woman's identity.

It was stated also that additional evidence had been uncovered here which served to strengthen Fields' story of his knowledge of the crime.

A search of his effects disclosed receipts showing Fields was in Los Angeles the latter part of January. Among these was a rent receipt for a place in Venice, California, where Fields has maintained the details of Taylor's slaying were arranged.

It was stated that the actress was not present when Taylor was shot, and reiterated the only particulars at the scene of the crime were the three he describes as Wong Lee, a Chinese who did the shooting, Johnny Clark, a white man and a Jennie Moore, all of whom were hired to take their parts in the murder.

PEIRCE CITY

Rev. Ward is holding a revival meeting at the Baptist church with good interest and good singing.

Mrs. Will Freshman and daughter came Sunday evening to be with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Boucher, who is reported some better.

Mrs. John Maher and family visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Conrey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock, of Cassville, spent Sunday night with home folks, Mr. Orville Abernathy, sister and brother.

Mrs. D. L. Donlavy, Miss Mary Shaw, Mrs. Anna Harper, Mrs. Lucy Dagget and family spent the afternoon at Mrs. Will Dagget's Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maher and daughter, of Monett, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Conrey.

A. P. Harper and son Archie Waldo went to Purdy Monday for a load of hay.

Mrs. Neise Jackson and baby, who were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfenberger, were called home to Kansas City on account of Mr. Jackson being sick.

Mrs. Arthur Short, of Pittsburg, Kan., is visiting Mr. Short's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Short. Mr. Short is no better.

Those who visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Abernathy and family were Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson and daughter, of Monett, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Harper and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock, of Cassville, Frank Spillman, Orville Abernathy and daughter Lela and Orville, Jr.

Mrs. Lizzie Abernathy returned home Monday after spending a week with her brother, Mr. Stucky, in St. Louis.

DOUBLE SIX CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Willey and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bowen entertained the Double Six Club and a few guests, Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, 909 Frisco Avenue. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing Progressive Rook at the close of which a delicious two course lunch was served to Messrs. and Mesdames E. P. Bridwell, Roy Brown, R. C. Farrow, H. C. Fleming, G. W. Finn, Fred Shaffer, A. C. Squibb, R. L. Peters, Byron Vaughan, H. V. Todisman, W. R. Isbell, Dr. and Mrs. E. Mitchell, Mesdames Riley Burris, Clyde Gustin, A. W. Gilbert, Miss Charlotte Bradford and H. I. Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Enke, Jr., of Stones Prairie were shopping in town Wednesday.

VELMA PINNELL WINS \$10,000 JUDGMENT AGAINST FRISCO

Sizer & Gardner, attorneys for Velma Pinnell, widow of Paul Pinnell, deceased, returned late Thursday night from court at Carthage where they attended the trial of the case of Pinnell vs. Frisco, which was a suit brought for the death of Paul Pinnell while riding as a passenger on train No. 403, which was run into and wrecked at Racine, Missouri, by an extra freight train on the night of November 30, 1920. The case was on trial all day Thursday in Division No. 2, before Judge Grant Emerson, and the jury went out that night and in about thirty minutes returned with a verdict for the full amount allowed by the statute, in the sum of \$10,000.

This case was hotly contested because of the fact that Paul Pinnell was riding on free transportation, and the Company lawyers contended that the release upon the back of the pass exonerated them from the payment of any sum for the death of Paul Pinnell. Mrs. Pinnell's attorneys produced decisions showing that notwithstanding the release on the back of the pass, Paul Pinnell was under age and, therefore, could not legally release the Company from negligence which caused his death, and also showed that even though he was riding upon an annual pass and had signed the release while a minor, yet the pass being issued in Missouri, and was being used in Missouri, and the accident occurring in Missouri brought the case under the Missouri laws, and, therefore, the decisions of this state and the Federal decisions made the Company liable; and the court so instructed the jury, that the free pass was no defense or bar to plaintiff's cause of action.

Sizer & Gardner of Monett represented the plaintiff, and Mann & Mann of Springfield, District attorneys for the Frisco, and Judge Howard Gray of Carthage represented the defendant Railroad Company.

CHINAMAN IMPLICATED

BY FIELDS

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 23.—A Chinese bearing the name of Wong Lee—the same as that of the Chinese said by Harry M. Fields, in Detroit, to have been a member of the group of three persons he drove to the home of William Desmond Taylor, the night the film director was murdered—left Chinatown two days ago, it was announced tonight by deputy sheriffs at work on the case.

The officers said they had nothing to lead them to believe that the Chinese had anything to do with the slaying of Taylor, but they pointed out that his departure was simultaneous with the first intimations from Detroit that Fields might have important information in connection with the case.

According to Fields' story as telegraphed by Sheriff Irving L. Coffin at Detroit to Sheriff William I. Traeger here, the murder of Taylor was plotted in a hop joint at Venice, a beach suburb of Los Angeles.

CASSVILLE RAISES \$400 FOR OZARK PLAYGROUNDS

Cassville, Mo., Feb. 23.—Approximately \$400, Cassville's quota in the Ozark Playgrounds association for the coming season, was raised at a community dinner here yesterday. About 250 persons attended.

In addition to the playgrounds quota, 135 was raised for the Hal A. Erwin World War Veterans post, No. 378, to aid in purchasing musical instruments for the post band and to be used in decorating and furnishing the post meeting hall.

Mrs. R. T. Keithly left Thursday night for a visit in St. Louis.

Clarence Archdale, who works at the Railway Ice Plant, had the misfortune to dislocate his shoulder at midnight Thursday night. The dislocation was set by Dr. Jones at his office.

BANQUET AT ST. LAWRENCE HALL

A delightful banquet given by the Seventh and Eighth grades of St. Joseph's school, February 22 was thoroughly enjoyed by the boys who have served as Acolytes in church services since early in September; also the choir girls who have been faithful in lending their services; both deserved recognition as well as a reward for the great interest which they have taken in the good work.

A very dainty two course dinner was served by the young ladies of said grades which had been prepared by their kind mothers who considered it a great pleasure to assist in this work.

The Menu was as follows:

Celery	Pickles
Baked Chicken and Dressing	Baked Beans
Hot Rolls	
Ice Cream	Cake
Coffee	

The dinner was followed with an address given by Mr. George Johnston who acted as toastmaster. He spoke words of gratitude and appreciation in behalf of the class and teacher in charge. The boys who responded to his call gave some very interesting jokes which created much merriment while the High school girls chimed in with usual High school cheers.

The following responded to the toasts: Mr. John Bailey, and Masters Theodore Frossard, Leo Auffert, John Dwyer, Bernard Hanlan, William Exposito, Wyatt Patterson, Eugene Wallner, James Randall, Michael Flaherty, Floyd Brown, Kieth Tiernan and Henry Yoachum.

The occasion taken for this celebration was a great and grand one to Honor the Father of Our Country.

George Washington would have been edified, indeed, had he been admitted to this mundane sphere and witnessed the observance of his anniversary by a banquet rendered to this jovial crowd consisting of 102 members.

The hall was transformed beyond recognition by the artistic decorations in colors characteristic of the day; our beautiful red, white and blue. The waitresses wore costumes of said colors which added to the beauty of the scene.

After dinner a very interesting program was given by the members of the same grade.

Reverend Father McNamee's address was a very impressive one. He spoke of the great strength of character required in a true faithful boy or girl, and every word it contained was enjoyed and appreciated by his hearers.

Each and every number of the program was well rendered, but the twelve boys attired in the costume of George Washington formed an impressive group while going through the different positions of their drill.

Program

Welcome song—Class chorus.
Toastmaster—Geo. Johnston.
Address of Welcome—Rev. Fr. McNamee.
Dancing Waves, Piano Solo—Frances Moore.
How the Story Grew—Humorous drama.
Celebrating Washington's Birthday—Drama and Song.
Arabesque, piano solo—Isabel Dwyer.
Fair Is Our Country—Class Chorus.
Flag Drill—Sixteen girls.
Duet—C. Carr and E. Hogan.
The Golden Rule—Drama.
Home Sweet Home—Recitation and Song.
Hatchet Drill—Twelve boys.
College Medley, violin and piano—P. Maher and A. Smith.
April Fool Joke, dialogue—F. Brown and M. Flaherty.
Cathedral Echoes, piano solo—M. Kenney.
What Shall be My Song Tonight—Class chorus.

The following ladies aided the waitresses: Mrs. J. Walsh, Mrs. T. Holland, Mrs. E. M. Carr, Mrs. Ed Hogan, Mrs. Wm. Fenton, Mrs. C. Gimbel, Mrs. Ed Maher, Mrs. G. Schwandt.

The following are the members of the seventh and eighth grade who gave the banquet and rendered the program: Misses Mary Bill Wagner, Mary Catherin Carr, Ellen Hogan, Gladys Holland, Frances Moore, Gertrude Ruscha, Marie Dieterich, Theresa Stark, Marion Gimbel, Pauline Diebold, Anna Maher, Caroline Attaway, Mary Fenton, Dorothy Dewine, Agnes DeBrosse, Margaret Bramer, Georgia Bass, Cecelia Smith, Margaret McKenna, Wilma McKenna, and Masters Leo Auffert, John Dwyer, Theodore Frossard, William Exposito, Kieth Tiernan, Floyd Brown, Michael Flaherty, Bernard Hanlan, Henry Yoachum, Eugene Wallner, Wyatt Patterson, James Randall and James Heyburn.

At the close of the program all adjourned feeling happy and taking with them the favors intended: Junior hatchets and small flags.

WIDELY KNOWN MAN OF LAWRENCE COUNTY DEAD

Miller, Mo., Feb. 22.—William Jackson, widely known Lawrence county business man farmer, died at his home, twelve miles west of here, February 12, of diabetes. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Jackson, old Barry county settlers, and had resided in Barry county most of his life. He was 49 years old.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, Raymond, Lavonis and Loren.

Mr. Jackson was a successful farmer and resided near Cross Hollow school house until about six years ago when he moved near Miller on a farm, later establishing a general merchandise business at Plew, Mo.

Funeral services were conducted at Red Oak February 10 by the Rev. Mr. Crouch.

Besides his wife and sons, Mr. Jackson is survived by his parents and seven brothers and five sisters.

FLOUR TAKES ANOTHER ADVANCE IN PRICE

The second advance in two weeks in the price of flour was announced yesterday by local millers and jobbers when a raise of 20 cents a barrel was announced. This advance is due to the continued rise in the price of wheat, which yesterday reached the new high mark of \$1.46 a bushel.

From present indications the most serious wheat shortage the world has known since 1917 will be experienced this year, according to local millers. The drought when the wheat was sown and the continued drought throughout the winter is expected to materially hurt the wheat in the middle western states.—Springfield Republican.

WHY SET APPLE TREES NOW?

Because there are over 50 per cent less apple trees now than there were in 1910, according to the Washington Bureau of reports. There are also over 50 per cent less peach trees than in 1910. What will be the result?

There is going to be a scarcity of fruit in a few years, therefore now is a fine time to get into the game. We have the biggest and nicest block of TWO YEAR old trees we have ever grown, including Black Ben, Ben Davis, Gano, Staymens Winesap, Grimes, King David, Jonathan, and all the leading varieties. We also have a block of one year old trees that pleases all those who have inspected it. This includes all the standard varieties. We have about 40,000 nice peach trees, also berry plants, cherries, ornamentals and etc. Don't fail to write us at once for our new price list. We will do you right.

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Postmaster Fred Mitchell, of Purdy has moved the post office into the old bank building, which will give lighter quarters in a fire proof building.

ORGANIZING CREDIT ASSOCIATION HERE

Monett business men held a meeting Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing a credit association. An organization was perfected and will soon be in working order.

A credit association operated successfully here for several years, but was discontinued when the acting secretary left the city. It has been found that the merchants are not sufficiently protected without such an organization and they are taking steps to secure a paid secretary to look after the credit end of their business.

The rating of all the buying public will be compiled from the books of the different business men and will be kept for ready reference.

RECITAL AND TEA CHARMING AFFAIR

The Recital and tea given by Mrs. John McGrath Thursday was a social event of unusual charm. Mrs. McGrath is a talented entertainer and her guests were delighted with her recital of "Mary 'Gusta," by Joseph C. Lincoln. The recital consumed forty-five minutes and the guests were delighted with the production as given by Mrs. McGrath. Another good number was the solo by Mrs. H. T. Osborn, "The Barefoot Trail," by Wiggers.

Following the entertainment, tea was served in two courses, Mrs. McGrath being assisted by Mrs. John Walsh, Mrs. Pete Martin, and Mrs. H. T. Osborn. Table decorations were jonquils and blue shaded candles.

The guests were Mesdames J. J. Davis, H. W. Fly, Louis Tucker, Ed Hogan, W. H. Floreth, W. M. West, J. V. Dysart, T. R. Price, Chas. Mansfield, Ed Salzer, E. F. Saxe, W. J. Fleming, W. F. Landrum, W. W. Lehnhard, Lawrence Welsh, Fred Campbell, A. W. Gilbert, George Miller, W. H. Such, Misses Helen Lehnhard, Gertrude Floreth, Anna and Jennie Martin and Fern Heyburn.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William F. Stolle	Washington
Audie L. Bennett	Monett
Albert L. Halsey	Monett
Anna A. Taylor	Monett
Samuel Brock	Shel Knob
Zetta Blythe	Shel Knob
Clay Harrison	Monett
Mazeta West	Monett
Carl S. Geske	Monett
Bertha Schad	Monett
Joseph Krezyma	Brieffield
Mary Boruszewska	Brieffield
John Pottier	Tulsa
Bernadette Diebold	Pierce City
Ernest Phillips	Exeter
Tessie Searl	Exeter
Perry Hickman	Exeter
Eva Searl	Exeter
Lyle Ellis	Aurora
Uel McCubbin	Leann

Miss Fern Heyburn was shopping in Springfield Friday.

CHECK RAISER ARRESTED AT MONETT

B. Beasley, a Stranger, Changes \$2.00 Bills to \$10.00. Fraud Discovered at Bowen's Confectionery.

A stranger, whose name is B. Beasley, according to letters found in his pockets passed a bill which had been raised from \$2.00 to \$10.00 at Bowen's confectionery, Friday. Durward Gooch the clerk, discovered the fraud before the man was out of sight and notified the officers. The fellow was arrested at Globe telegraph office while waiting for a freight by officers W. H. Long and J. A. Johnson.

The bill raising was quite cleverly done and was not noticeable to a casual observer. The man went into Bowen's confectionery and bought three cigars, giving the bill in payment. He received \$9.75 in change. He had a finger off each hand and Durward Gooch noticed by the peculiar way he held his fingers in an attempt to hide the fact of his missing members, that something was wrong. He immediately went and looked at the bill he had just changed, and saw the deception.

The arrest was made through the telegraph operator at Globe. He had heard the officers telegraphing to Springfield giving a description of the man, when a stranger went into the Globe station. The operator asked him why he was walking when he could just as well ride. He told him that a freight would be along soon and he could ride. The fellow sat down to wait, and the operator telegraphed to the police at Monett, who immediately went out and got him.

Beasley put up a hard fight and it was with great difficulty that he was brought to jail. He would give no account of himself or his people, and the only information as to his name was secured from letters in his pocket. Two other raised bills were found in his clothing.

The Monett officers telegraphed to federal officers at Kansas City and are waiting for instructions as to the disposal of the prisoner, he having committed a federal crime.

MONETT ELKS OPEN CLUB ROOMS

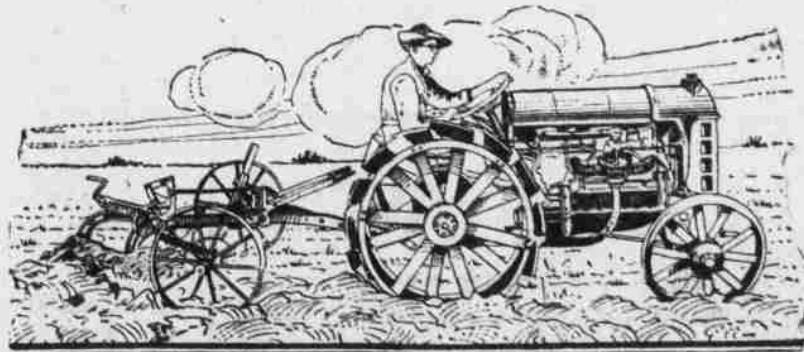
The Elks have established club rooms in the Mansfield building, over the 10-cent store. The rooms are very comfortably furnished and will be open at all times for the members of the club and visiting Elks. While it is regretted that the rooms are not large enough for dances or entertainments of that character, there is plenty of room for card parties, etc.

The Elks will open the club rooms formally with a smoker Monday night and a good time is anticipated by them.

Miss Gladys Jeffries returned Friday morning from a three weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Woolsey of Fayetteville.

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